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## FOUR EXCITING WEEKS IN TWO-SEATER PLANE

### Hazards of forced landings in the wilds of Africa

By bartering a fountain-pen for palm-oil fuel, two South African amateur fliers have brought their little two-seater plane to Lagos after being stranded in French Equatorial Africa. But their gallant attempt to cover the 7000 miles to London ended with a shattered undercarriage and propeller.

In four exciting weeks they had made three forced landings, an all-night tramp through the Congo forest, and encountered tribesmen who believed the white fliers had come to kill them!

Only 55 hours' flying was recorded in the log-book of Mr. C. F. Gibbins when he took off from Johannesburg, against the advice of experts. Mr. M. O'Brien was the radio operator.

The light plane had a range of only 450 miles, so the pilot planned to use remote air-strips. But the maps proved to be inaccurate!

#### ENCORE EGGS!

With the vast Rhodesian veldt behind them, trouble was not long in looming up. The first hitch, however, was an amusing one.

At torrid Kamena, in the Belgian Congo, pilot Gibbins asked in uncertain French for "an egg boiled four minutes." The response was a half-raw egg—and then others served to him at intervals of four minutes!

But the two South Africans were in no laughing mood after they had force-landed at Kimpoko. Tribesmen from the nearest kraal appeared sullen and resentful; apparently they had the notion that the newcomers intended to kill them.

To seek aid in the nearest white settlement, Mr. Gibbins set out by night to walk through dense equatorial forest. He took a compass, torch, and map, and the aircraft's joystick as a weapon. Frequently during that uncomfortable 12-hour trek, with ominous noises seeming to come from every bush and pool, he had to scramble hastily up a tree to avoid inquisitive animals.

#### FRIENDLY CHIEF

When their plane was repaired, the South Africans were soon winging north-west again, across lonely French Equatorial Africa.

But near the coast, south of Libreville, the oil-system failed. Again they force-landed.

This time their host was a black chief whom they dubbed King William. Fortunately he was friendly, and fed them royally for two days on chicken and bananas.

Then he gave them two gallons of palm-oil in exchange for a fountain-pen, and with this make-shift fuel to top-up their tank, they

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## Who discovered Australia first?

Were the Chinese the first people to visit and settle in Australia? That is a question which has been under discussion among Australian historians and archaeologists meeting in Canberra.

Mr. C. P. Fitzgerald, reader in Far Eastern History at the National University, Canberra, has a theory about a jade figure of a Chinese god unearthed near Darwin. It was found during roadmaking in 1874 in the roots of a banyan tree (not native to Australia), and Mr. Fitzgerald thinks it points to the discovery of Australia by Chinese probably centuries before Captain Cook landed at Botany Bay.

#### TREE SHRINES

Now in Sydney's Technological Museum, the figure is of the Chinese god of long life, Shou Lao, and is believed to have been made either in the 13th or 14th century.

It was quite normal for shrines to be erected in the roots of banyan trees in China.

At the beginning of the 15th century the second Ming emperor became interested in long-range navigation, and sent expeditions to south-east Asia.

Some of them reached Ceylon and the Persian gulf, Aden, and the East African coast. Timor has also been mentioned as one of the places visited, and it is more than likely that some ships reached northern Australia.

Later this year some of the Australian universities intend sending archaeological parties to look around Darwin for other evidence of Chinese visits or settlement in the North. An interesting story may unfold.

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soon took to the air once more. Iguela, in the same desolate territory, was the next emergency stop, but it boasted an airfield in surprisingly good condition. The sole African in charge would take no payment, for he had been instructed to refuel all Allied planes—and he wanted to know how the war was going on!

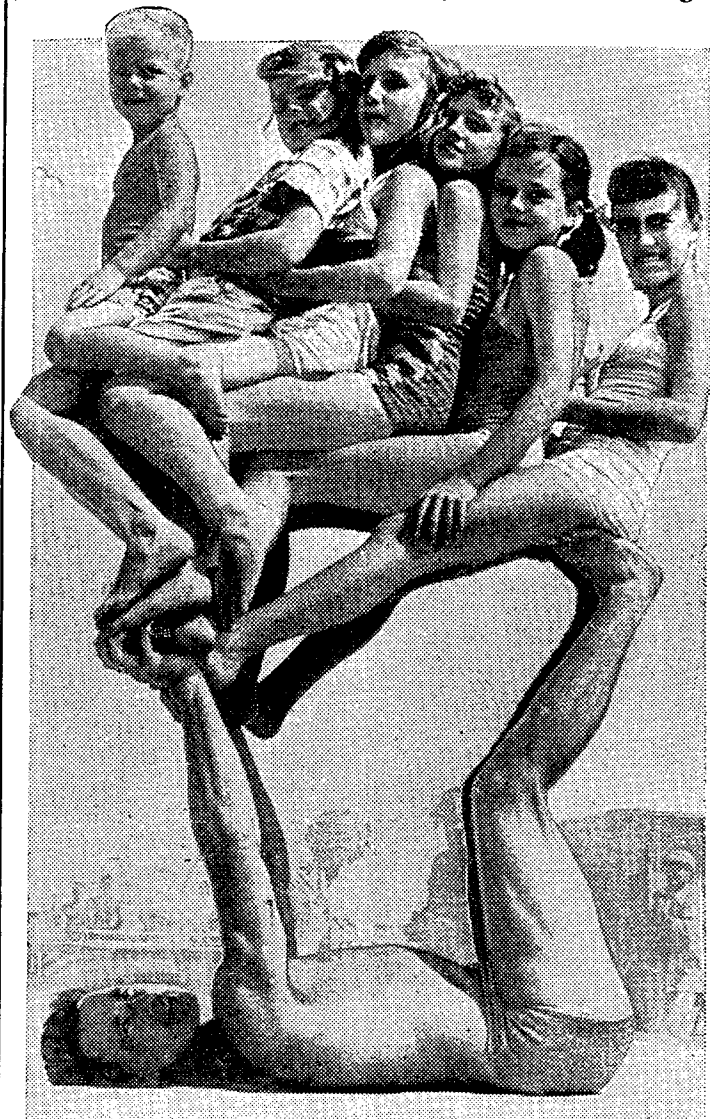
But at this stage the little aircraft's engine was rebelling against the mixture of palm-oil and aviation spirit. Within 30 minutes' flying distance of Lagos, it finally gave up.

They made a crash-landing on a golf course, but this time the damage was beyond local repair. The undercarriage and the airscrew were wrecked.

The courageous South Africans ruefully admitted that their flight to London had come to a full stop.

"I wouldn't advise anyone to attempt it without adequate experience," said Mr. Gibbins.

## Man with load of mischief



These happy boys and girls, revelling in the Californian sunshine at Santa Monica, are enjoying high jinks with one of the physical training instructors on the beach.

## UP WITH THE REDSHANK

Fog led to hundreds of people in Grange-over-Sands and Furness district of Lancashire being awakened extra early the other day.

Thousands of redshanks and oyster-catchers lost their bearings and, either to keep together or to signal another flock, set up an unusual prolonged noise described as an "eerie piping."

#### INVADERS

Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks told in a broadcast recently of an occasion during the war when he inspected a guard of the 51st Highland Division, and found every man an Englishman!

#### MAKING MUSIC-MAKERS

Some 2500 Bristol schoolchildren are learning to play the recorder as a stepping-stone to woodwind instruments. Another 1000 are being taught to play the violin, the viola, and the 'cello

## THERE IS A BOOM IN FROMOLOGY

A boy who had collected 70 different cheese-labels walked last autumn into a hobbies shop in Southgate, London, and asked for them to be displayed with the stamps, cigarette cards, foreign coins, and matchbox covers already on view. The shopkeeper was not hopeful of selling them, but they were in fact sold within 24 hours!

In that same shop about 15,000 cheese labels have since been sold. Now some fromologists, as these collectors are called, possess as many as 400 varieties.

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## Off to the roof of the world

The 1953 British Mount Everest Expedition leaves on February 12 for another attempt to reach the summit of the world's highest mountain. Here seen are the members of the expedition. *Back Row (left to right):* W. Noyce, M. Westmacott, T. Bourdillon, C. Wylie and Dr. C. Evans. *Front Row:* G. Band, Colonel John Hunt, leader of the party, and A. Gregory.



# GERMANY'S PLACE IN EUROPE

By the CN Diplomatic Correspondent

GERMANY, and how to fit her into the jigsaw of Western European unity, is a major problem for statesmen.

It is the chief reason for the tour of European capitals undertaken by Mr. Foster Dulles, America's new Secretary of State, and it may also bring Dr. Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, to London before this month is out.

Not many months ago high hopes were held that Germany's place and status in Western Europe, and her duties in the European Defence Community, would soon be settled amicably. But Mr. Dulles, in the brisk way of his country, has been saying that the plans for unity, "now seem to be somewhat stalled."

Statesmen of the other countries, including Britain, are disappointed at the delay in getting the Defence Community in operation. Some are inclined to agree with Mr. Dulles that a "little re-thinking" is necessary in order to fit the final pieces into the jigsaw puzzle.

Each country concerned, of course, has its own viewpoint on the best way to do this.

## FRENCH DOUBTS

The French are probably the people most anxious about the arrangements. They would like Britain to offer more specific support in her already close links with the plan; and although prominent French statesmen agreed months ago that it was necessary to have German strength in the Community, they dislike the idea of re-arming Germany.

The Italian Government, led by enthusiastic Signor de Gasperi, are convinced supporters of the plan. They see no reason to fear that Germany might come to dominate the European arena. At the same time their Parliamentary arrangements make it unlikely that the treaty confirming Italy in the Community Pact will be ratified within the next few months.

Holland and Belgium are agreed on the need for the treaty, although they are, perhaps, not quite such enthusiastic supporters as Signor de Gasperi.

It is scarcely surprising that Germany herself has very pronounced feelings on the plan. Dr. Adenauer and his Government support it, some Parties are prepared to agree on it, and others are resentful.

The stumbling block remains. Despite the wide range of agree-

ment, countries will hesitate to take the final step.

What is wrong with Germany?

Her Government is well run on democratic lines. Dr. Adenauer is known and trusted in all the capitals of Western Europe. So why does she still cause this uneasiness so many years after the war?

Perhaps the answer is reflected in a matter now under investigation—the Case of the Seven Former Nazis. Their secret-agent plans to overthrow Dr. Adenauer's Parliamentary Government and set up a new Hitler-type regime read like a novel; but their plans were on a big scale and not fantastic to them.

It is this danger of a re-birth of Nazism, and with it a lurking national desire to dominate the rest of Europe, which so alarms France, and other countries.

After the arrests, Mr. Eden stated that he believed this danger had been nipped in the bud. He is confident, too, that the German Government are well able to preserve the democracy that has been established under them.

## BRITISH ACTION

But for Dr. Adenauer's administration and the Germans themselves the uncovering of this dramatic plot has been embarrassing.

It has been asked why they could not have taken action for themselves instead of the British authorities having to step in and take care of it.

The answer is that Britain had special powers to do so under the revised Occupation Statute, and was no doubt in a better situation to take charge.

Dr. Adenauer has fully supported the investigation, and has shown the greatest anxiety to assure other countries that German democracy is strong enough to withstand any threat of a return to Nazism. Certainly any such threat must be countered without delay.

## LEARNING TO BE CORONATION GUIDES

Taking an examination on a motor-coach tour—that was the experience last week of 30 men and women who hope to graduate as official Coronation Guides. Their tour in a coach, stopping at various places of interest in the London area, was the practical part of their passing-out examination.

Since last November these would-be guides have been attending classes and doing much study and research. They have together visited famous buildings and practised guide-lecturing on each other.

Their training course was organised by the British Travel and Holiday Association, and their

tutor was Mr. H. L. Bryant Peers, a former schoolmaster who is a guide of many years' standing.

A guide must have a wealth of knowledge at his disposal, but that is not enough, Mr. Bryant Peers told a CN correspondent. A good guide must have a friendly and courteous manner, patience, and a strong clear voice. He must be able to keep his party together and arrange their transport smoothly; above all, he must be punctual—anyone two minutes late for a class was marked absent!

Those who pass the rather grueling test will do an important job as representatives of Britain.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

PARLIAMENTARY affairs during the next few months are likely to be dominated more by foreign and economic matters than by domestic issues. Two of the reasons are the change of Government in the United States and the onset of our own Budget in April.

It is now clear that the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London last December was merely the prelude to a series of consultations and actions to be taken jointly with European countries and the United States. These will have an important bearing on the lives of all of us this year.

One of the most encouraging aspects of that meeting was the stress laid upon plans to invest more capital in the Colonial Empire. Mr. R. A. Butler, the

## THE FLOODS

THE whole nation has been shocked by the fearful loss of life and damage caused by the flooding of our eastern shores. And because a disaster of such magnitude calls for nation-wide help, the whole country will respond to the Lord Mayor of London's appeal.

Every penny subscribed will be used to give relief to our own people in dire distress.

Please send all you can to the Lord Mayor's National Tempest and East Coast Flood Fund, Mansion House, London, or to your local collection.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, wants to see London restored as the world's financial capital, or "bank."

As the modern Budget is an instrument of economic as well as financial policy, he aims at an increase in our exports of at least 20 per cent over even the record figure achieved in 1951.

The Budget intimately concerns our overseas trade because it levies taxes upon industry, among other taxation classes. The more industry is allowed to "plough back" (after meeting taxes) into schemes of re-equipment which will strengthen its competitive ability, the more it will produce.

So runs the argument, and the question of Empire development flows from it. Britain and the sterling (mostly Commonwealth) area do not only want to balance their trade accounts with the rest of the world; they want to sell more exports than they buy in imports so as to create a surplus of about £350,000,000 a year for investment in the Empire.

## NINE FOR NEWS

Three minutes of the world's latest news at any time of the day can be heard by the people of Rome by just dialling nine on their telephones. They get a condensed record of the latest radio news broadcasts.

# News from Everywhere

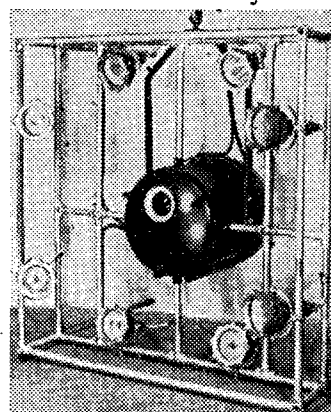
## HOUSE A WEEK

Forty men and three boys have built 52 three-bedroomed houses in exactly a year at Costessey, Norfolk.

Horsetroughs at Ilam, Derbyshire, are being converted into flower boxes. At Detroit, U.S., many horsetroughs are being removed because horses now get water at petrol stations.

The Civic Seal of Bergen, in Norway, lost since 1760, has turned up in a rubbish heap at Voss, 50 miles away.

## Underwater eye



This weird-looking device is the new Marconi-Siebe Gorman underwater television camera. It is remotely controlled and is surrounded by a battery of powerful lights on the tubular frame.

Mr. J. P. Digby of Dundrum, Dublin, has given 26,000 forest trees to be planted round the numerous lakes in County Leitrim.

## CASTLE FOR SALE

The 250-year-old Methven Castle, near Perth, on a site that has been occupied by a castle for 1000 years, is to be sold by auction next April.

Dog-owners who wish to take their pets on holiday should ask the National Canine Defence League, 10 Seymour Street, London, W.1, for a list of hotels and boarding houses where dogs are accepted.

A Bavarian motor-cyclist wrecked his machine when he ran over and killed a wild boar. The Ministry of Agriculture sent him 8s. 6d., the usual reward for shooting a boar.

Rickshaws have been banned in Bangkok, capital of Siam. Double-decker buses will take their place.

An Alsatian dog at Long Melford, Suffolk, has been taking away bottles of milk left on doorsteps, scraping off the tops and drinking the milk.

Children have said that three peahens at Bognor Regis Zoo are lonely, so the authorities are to buy an Indian peacock.

## HAPPY LAND

With a population of over 40,000, Brunei, Borneo, has no income tax, no public debt, no unemployment, and hardly any crime.

Workmen found a coal seam four feet thick while digging up a road at Hove, Sussex.

Two wrecked cars have been placed at the gates of the American Air Force station at Lakenheath, Suffolk, as a warning to careless drivers.

Mr. William Allen Magee, one of three surviving soldiers of the American Civil War, has died at the age of 106.

## TWO SURPRISES

Mrs. Alice Seldon paid a surprise visit to Munich, where her U.S. Army husband is stationed, only to find that he had gone home to pay a surprise visit to her.

Plastic book covers are to be used at Sutton and Cheam public libraries.

Mr. Harry Webb, aged 80, has given up cycling after covering 464,344 miles during his lifetime.

Lord Baden-Powell, son of the founder of the Boy Scout Movement, has been promoted to sergeant in the City of London Special Constabulary.

## GONE TO EARTH

Workmen who found a bear in a railway tunnel at Chigwell, Essex, took it to the police. Later, eleven-year-old David Fletcher claimed his pet Brazilian coati-mundi, which had escaped from his home three days before.

Shakespeare was badly misquoted in the Children's Newspaper of January 31. Just an idea on page 6 should have read: As Shakespeare wrote:

*Come what come may,  
Time and the hour runs through  
the roughest day.*

**Nature Study**—a new and practical approach to the observation of animals and birds is encouraged by introducing children to

## DOG

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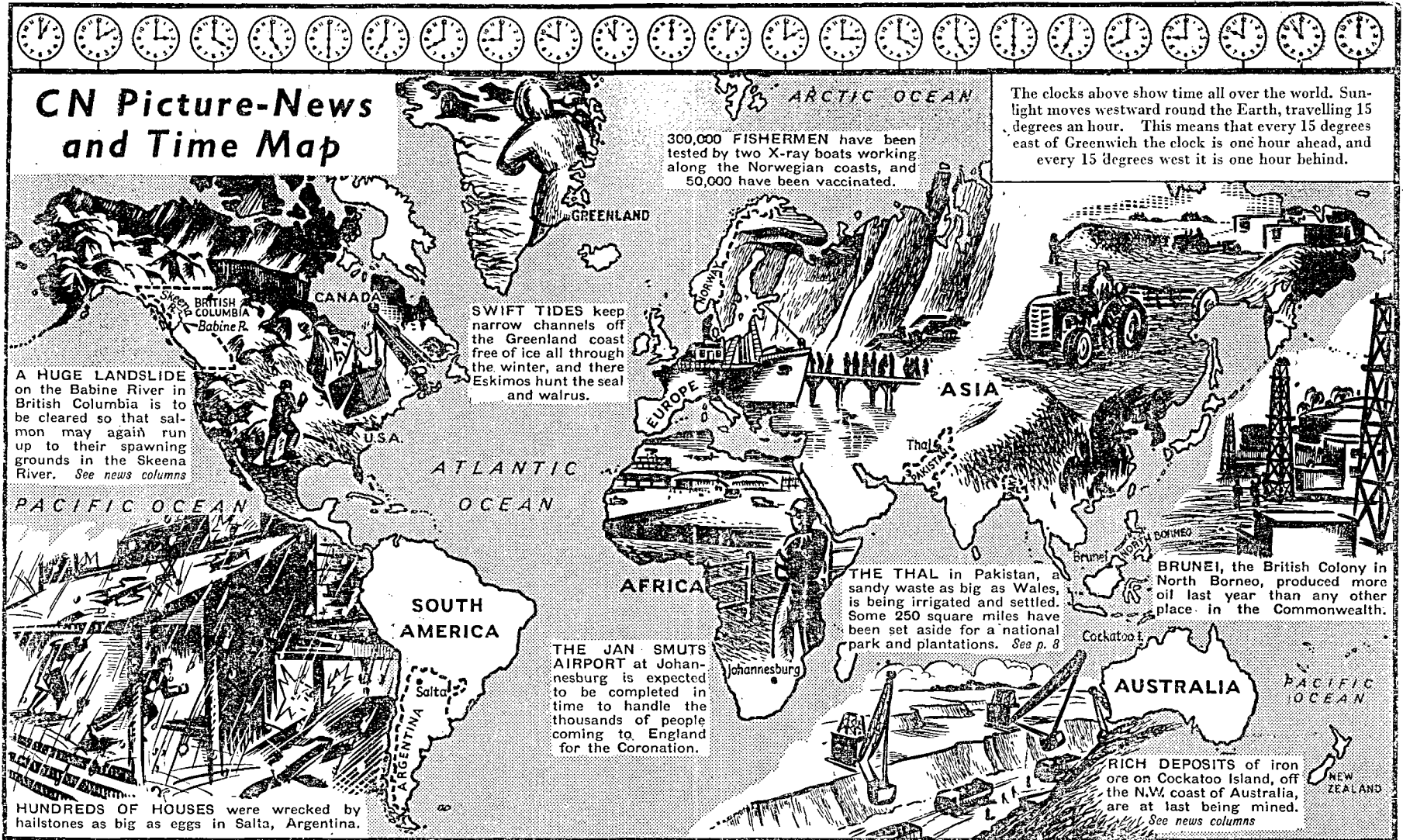
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## MAKING WAY FOR THE SALMON

Canada's Minister of Fisheries has announced the award of a half-million-dollar contract for the removal of the huge rock and earth slide in the Babine River Canyon, in northern British Columbia.

It calls for the removal of about 130,000 cubic yards of rock and earth from the bank and bed of the Babine River where it endangers valuable runs of salmon of the Skeena River system. Work is being started immediately so that the river can be cleared before the spring floods and the arrival of this year's salmon run.

The landslide, comparable to that of 1914 on the Fraser River, occurred during the summer of 1951. The bulk of that year's Babine River sockeye run was blocked from the spawning grounds. See World Map

## PASSING OF A COLLEGE MASCOT

The Australian cockatoo which was sent from Australia in 1905 by a past pupil of the famous Blackrock College, County Dublin, has said its last word. It was found outside its cage on the lawn of the college with a leg broken.

The cockatoo was one of the show pieces of the college. On sports days and prize-days boys always presented Pretty Polly proudly to their parents, because when given a tit-bit Polly would call out "Up 'Rock."

Those two words have rung out over hundreds of hard-fought Rugby fields, for Blackrock College is one of the foremost nurseries of Irish Rugby.

## LIVED ON EDGE OF VOLCANO

Dr. Thomas A. Jaggar, who has died in Honolulu at the age of 81, literally lived on a volcano.

In 1909 he founded the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, which is perched on the brink of Kilauea's crater; and although Dr. Jaggar travelled to many parts of the world to observe other volcanoes in action, he was always worried lest his home volcano should erupt in his absence.

His first acquaintance with a volcano was at the age of 14, when he climbed Mount Vesuvius.

## PROMISING YOUNG PIANIST

Last November the Children's Newspaper told of nine-year-old Allan Schiller's debut as a concert pianist at Leeds. He has now been chosen by the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra to be soloist at four children's concerts in March.

Dr. Charles Hooper, Musical Adviser of Leeds Schools, states that Allan has an unusual ability for playing in sympathy with an orchestra.

## TONS OF BABIES

A Swiss welfare organisation recently sent out a wireless appeal asking parents of healthy babies to send half a Swiss franc (about a shilling) for every kilogram of their baby's weight.

The appeal was made to help less fortunate infants, and was so successful that the man who started it, Roger Norman, quickly received the equivalent of some 20 tons of plump babies, producing well over £1000.

## AUSTRALIA'S IRON EL DORADO

Cockatoo Island, off the north coast of Western Australia, holds one of the richest deposits of iron ore in the world, and in recent years Australians have overcome great difficulties to dig it.

This mineral wealth on a barren island has been known since 1890, but the obstacles in the way of getting it seemed insurmountable. Cockatoo Island lies off a rugged, uninhabited coast 1500 miles from the nearest city, Perth. The sea round its shores is too shallow for ships to come close, and the tidal variations are among the greatest in the world; twice a month the tide rises and falls as much as 30 feet, and twice a year, 35 feet.

After the war engineers began to tackle these problems. An 800-foot-long jetty for ships was built on steel piles driven down through

coral 60 feet into the sea bed. Ashore a roadway was blasted through solid rock. Quantities of heavy equipment were taken to the island, and the total cost of the work there was more than a million Australian pounds.

Today 150 people live on Cockatoo Island. All their fresh water as well as their food has to be brought to them by the ships coming for the iron ore.

The ore is dug out of a quarry by electrically-operated shovels, each of them lifting eight tons at a scoop.

The ore, which contains hardly any impurities, is taken in trucks from the quarry to a crushing plant, where it is reduced to chunks about four inches in diameter.

Ships then carry it 3000 miles to New South Wales. See World Map

## ELECTRIC SHOCK FOR PESTS

A method of destroying pests in the soil by electrical shock treatment has been described in the Empire Journal of Experimental Agriculture. Successful tests with depth charges of electricity have been made on tobacco plantations, and suggest that the idea should be equally suitable for a number of other crops.

A simple induction coil powered by a small compact unit (requiring less than one horse-power and easily driven from a tractor) is employed.

Such parasites as eel-worm and other pests which cause growers so much trouble can be quickly and effectively dealt with in this way.

## ONE OF THE LUCKY TWINS

One of the best-known Africans in Southern Rhodesia is lucky to be alive—because he was born a twin.

At the time of his birth, an African custom decreed that no twins should be allowed to live; it was thought to be the greatest misfortune to have twins. The first African twins to be saved alive were rescued by Methodist missionaries.

That was 54 years ago. Now one of the twins, Mr. Aaron Jace, is President of the African Native Farmers' Union, and has been appointed to represent African farmers on the Government's Native Land Board.

## BLESSING FOR A FISHING SEASON

At 11.45 p.m. on February 14 the river, the boats, the fishermen, and the nets are solemnly blessed at Norham-on-Tweed, Northumberland. The benediction is not only given for Norham but for the whole river and its salmon netting fisheries, of which there are 38.

Every year, whatever the weather in the darkness of this night, the fishermen and people from either side of the Border assemble at the ancient fishery of Pedwell for the service. This is conducted by the Vicar of Norham, and allows the first boat of the season to be launched on the stroke of twelve

## IDEA FROM A FLY'S EYE

In Mr. Basil Spence, Coventry Cathedral authorities have an architect with imagination.

For instance, a greatly-enlarged photograph of a fly's eye has given him an idea for the vaulting.

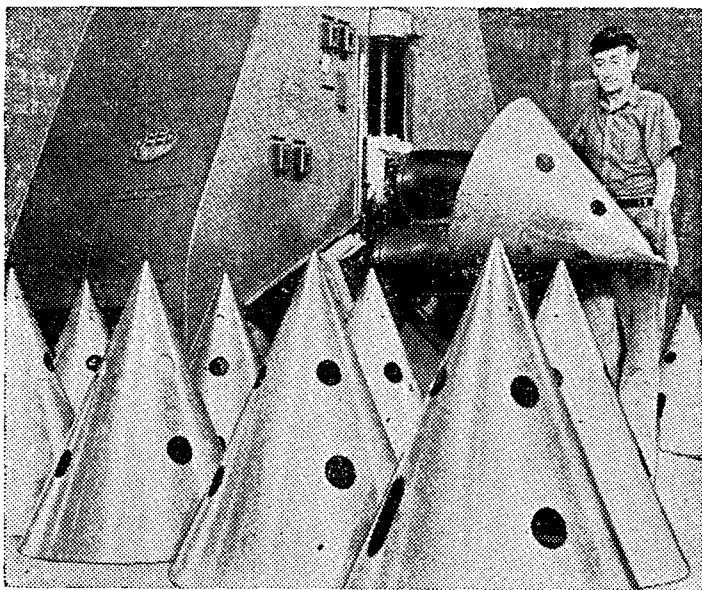
Slender pillars standing on crystal balls will support the 40 tons of vaulting, and at the base of each pillar there will be a chance for lighting with "an exciting effect."

## 150 MILLION YEARS OLD

Bones of a creature that looked like a lizard but was as big as a donkey have been found in Southern Rhodesia. It lived about 150 million years ago.

A scientist who happened to be walking along a river bed caught sight of some of the bones and this led him to search for the rest.





### Polishing the points

Looking as if he might be making caps for giant pierrots, this worker at a factory in Akron, Ohio, is polishing the cones which are fitted to the tails of jet aircraft to control the exhaust gases from the engines.

### KENYA GETS ITS NEW BIBLE

While most news from Kenya still causes anxiety, there is one piece of news which causes rejoicing. The new Union Swahili Bible which was sent out by the Bible Society to Kenya by Comet airliner is being bought up in great numbers. The people of Kenya, and particularly the Kikuyu, who can read Swahili, are proud of the new Bible.

Two thousand people in St. Stephen's Church, Nairobi, saw the Bible handed over to Canon Butcher, a veteran missionary who was one of the chief translators.

Forty different tribes were represented in the church. They all speak different tongues, but are able to understand Swahili, which is rapidly becoming the chief language in East Africa.

## In the Air

By the C N Flying Correspondent

### Snap-drop

ADAPTED Lincoln bombers are to be used to combat bush fires in Australia.

The crews will photograph the fires from the air, develop the negatives in the aircraft, print them, and drop them to show fire-fighters the extent of the fire.

### Big Boeing

SOME remarkable facts and figures have now been released concerning the huge Boeing RB-52 Stratofortress. The first prototype cost more than £7 million; it has an all-up weight of 350,000 lbs.; the output of its eight jets at cruising speed is 150,000 h.p.; and the top speed is over 600 m.p.h.

### Good-morning

IN Australia they are talking about the local radio station at Deniliquin. Every morning as the westward-bound A.N.A. DC-3 airliner leaves from the local airport, the announcer wishes the crew good-morning and speeds them on their way with a tune.

People all over southern New South Wales and northern Victoria look forward to this unconventional greeting, and many have come to feel that they know the aircrews personally.

### Japan starts again

A JAPANESE factory has started production of the first aeroplane to be built in that country since the war.

The machine is not of Japanese design, however; it is American, and is a single-seater used for police work and Army co-operation.

### Supersonic tunnels

TWO new wind tunnels are being built at Coventry by the Hawker Aircraft Company.

One, known as the Transonic Tunnel, is nearly ready, and will measure the reactions of aircraft travelling at 600 to 800 m.p.h. The other, called the Supersonic Tunnel, will be ready later in the year, and will record conditions of flight up to speeds of 1800 m.p.h.

### Going up

IN 1952, according to a report by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, 45 million passengers were carried by the world's airlines, compared with less than 40 million the year before.

Compared with 1937, the airlines now cover six times as many miles a year and carry 17 times the number of passengers.

### Time flies

WHEN Canadian Pacific Air Lines begin their Comet service across the Pacific next month, passengers will leave Sydney at 9 a.m. and arrive at Vancouver at 7 p.m. the same evening.

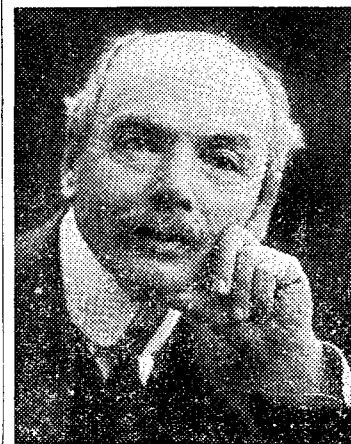
There are two reasons for this fast journey. One is the speed of the jetliner; the other that a day is lost from the calendar when travelling eastward across the International Date Line.

## PATRIOT WHO MADE ONE GRAVE MISTAKE

A MAN who devoted his life and sacrificed his health to promoting British Commonwealth ideals in South Africa was born on February 9 at Edinburgh just a century ago. He was Dr. Jameson, one of the chief founders of Southern Rhodesia, who lies in the Matoppos Hills by his friend Cecil Rhodes.

Leander Starr Jameson will be always remembered as the man responsible for the famous "Jameson Raid," which preceded the South African War.

He rashly led a small force into the Transvaal, then a Dutch Republic, to try to overthrow a government which denied rights of citizenship to British residents. And the extent to which his impulsive exploit embittered feeling between the South African Dutch



Sir Leander Starr Jameson

and the British has, alas! often blinded people to his real services to the Commonwealth.

Jameson's rise to influence in South Africa was largely due to his friendly, genial personality. He went to Kimberley as a 25-year-old doctor in 1878, and the rough diamond-diggers there all loved him for his courage, his charm of manner, and his selfless work for them as a doctor. "Dr. Jim" they called him. Then he got to know Cecil Rhodes, and the two men remained the closest of friends.

Jameson was fascinated by Rhodes's vision of a great federation of states in South Africa under British leadership, and he devoted the rest of his life to trying to make this vision a reality. He threw up his medical practice and, on behalf of Rhodes, went to Matabeleland, part of what is now Southern Rhodesia. It was his negotiations with the native chief, Lobengula, which led to British pioneers gaining a foothold in this savage land.

### TO THE SEA

He next undertook a journey involving great hardship to find the nearest route to the sea for the tiny new colony. He fell from his horse and broke two ribs, but, a very sick man, pressed on and reached the mouth of the Pungwe River in Portuguese East Africa. In 1893 he was with the small force that defeated a host of Matabeles.

Meanwhile, the British and other "foreign" residents in the Transvaal, discontented with their treatment by President Kruger's government, were making plans to rebel. Rhodes encouraged them, and Jameson prepared to lead a column into the Transvaal to help them.

On December 29, 1895, against Rhodes's advice, Jameson marched with his little band into the Transvaal before there was any rising of the "Uitlanders" there. Left to fend for themselves, the raiders were captured by the Boers.

Jameson was then handed over to the British authorities, and brought to England to be tried for his plot against the Transvaal Government. He took all the blame on himself, and was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment.

He was now a sick man as a result of the hardships he had endured, and he nearly died in Holloway Prison. He was released as a consequence, after serving a few months of his sentence.

### BACK TO AFRICA

His idealistic spirit undaunted, he returned to South Africa, still intent on furthering Rhodes's dreams. He became a member of the Cape Parliament, and sat calm and silent under the jeers of his opponents. In the South African War he went to Ladysmith and contracted enteric fever in the siege there. He never fully recovered.

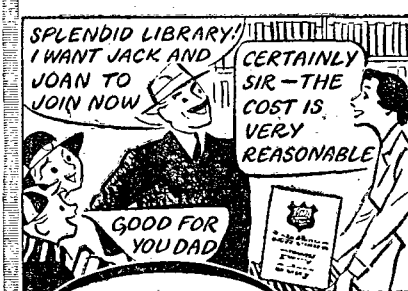
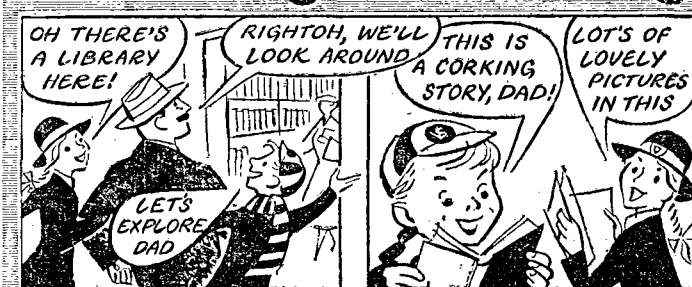
After the war he worked hard to establish brotherly relations between the Dutch and English-speaking South Africans, and was on most cordial terms with that great Afrikaner, General Botha. He became Prime Minister of Cape Colony and held office for four years, having a leading share in the formation of the Union of South Africa. He was knighted in 1911. Right up to his death, in 1917, Sir Leander Jameson lived and worked for his country. He deserves remembrance as a great patriot.

### Vegetable flowers



This elegant spray of flowers consists of vegetables! Made by an Italian in Milan, the flower pot is a carrot, the stems are celery, and the petals are pumpkin seeds. The bear on the left is made of oranges and artichokes.

## The Twins go Adventuring



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# Earthquake-spotting from a hut in the Far North



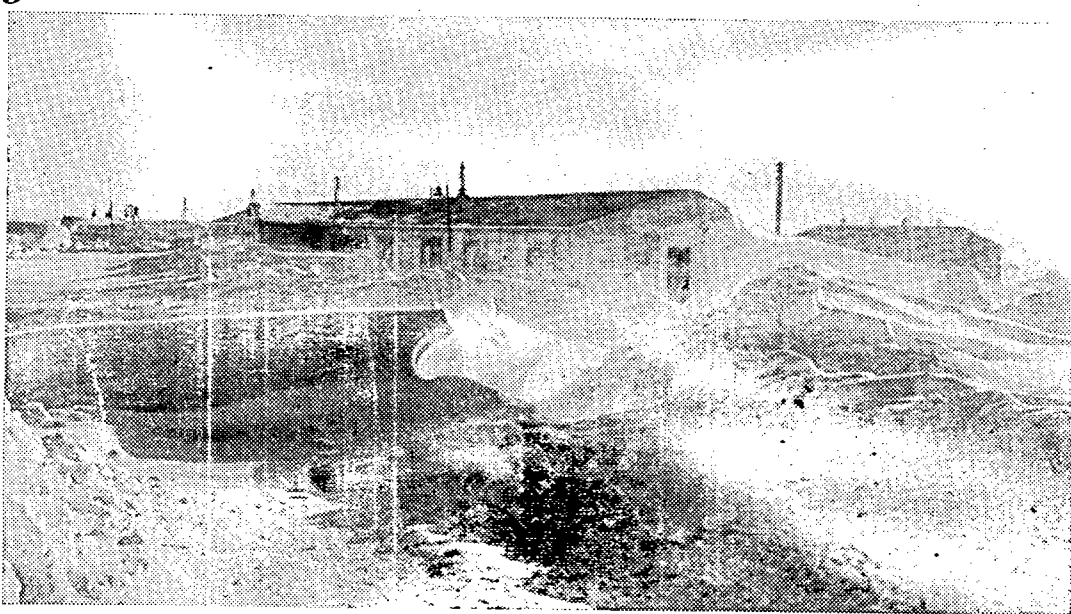
Mr. Frank Lombardo, the seismologist in charge at Resolute Bay

A CANADIAN scientist is making the first round-the-clock record of earth tremors ever undertaken in the Arctic. He is Mr. Frank Lombardo, and daily he radios to Ottawa and Washington information about earth tremors from as far away as Siberia, to the west, and European Arctic Russia, in the east.

Some of the tremors have been so violent that they jolted the delicate seismic recording needle off the paper. Data about these and the lesser earthquake shocks is helping the seismologists in Washington and Ottawa to pinpoint the position of tremors 2000 miles away in sparsely-inhabited parts of the world.

The station is on the bleak, ice-girt shores of Resolute Bay, Cornwallis Island, off the far northern shore of Arctic Canada, where there is a joint Canadian-American meteorological station.

It consists of just one hut, near the meteorological station, yet it is one of the six most important seismic stations in the world. This



The meteorological and seismic station at Resolute Bay, Cornwallis Island, in bleak Arctic Canada

little shack amid the bleak, rolling snows and the jagged ice pack contains four seismographs, all of the magnetic type.

Cables connect these to the second hut—the weather station—where the recording instruments are housed. These instruments are not in the seismic hut because in winter a man could become lost, and even freeze to death, in the 50 feet of whirling blizzard that separates weather station and seismic station.

THE weathermen and the seismological staff number less than a dozen. They are isolated 1800 miles north of the nearest city and 300 miles north of the nearest Eskimo village.

The seismic station was installed at Resolute Bay last July, the equipment and building being flown in by a long-range aircraft of the R.C.A.F. A makeshift landing-strip was laid at Resolute when the weather station was established there after the war, and the only contact with the outside world (except for radio) is the icebreaker that comes through the floes with supplies in July and the transport plane that parachutes mail and Christmas fare to the men in December.

It might seem odd that the Canadian Department of Mines and Technical Surveys should establish a seismic station on the roof of the world. But there is a good reason for doing so.

Most of the world's earthquake stations are in the populated areas—that is, in the "middle latitudes"—and an earthquake which occurs in those parts may have practically the same bearing from each of the seismic stations, making it hard to triangulate its exact position.

But a station 2000 miles away to one side, as it were, makes it possible to get a cross-bearing and a more accurate "fix" on tremors thousands of miles away.

Furthermore, the emptiness of the polar regions helps in the accurate recording of shocks, for there are no passing trains or lorries to shake the ground and interfere with the recording of the very frequent small tremors. There is only the utter quiet and stillness

of a land which sleeps under a drifted sheet of snow.

The time and direction of every tremor recorded at Resolute Bay is flashed to Ottawa by radio, whence it is passed on to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in Washington. Here readings from all over the world are collated to give the exact position of every shock.

The met. and seismic buildings offer reasonable comfort and warmth in the bitter conditions of the Arctic. Mr. Lombardo's home is one room measuring ten feet by six feet, with small windows of triple glass. It contains a radio set, a bunk, and a stove.

There is also a rifle hanging over

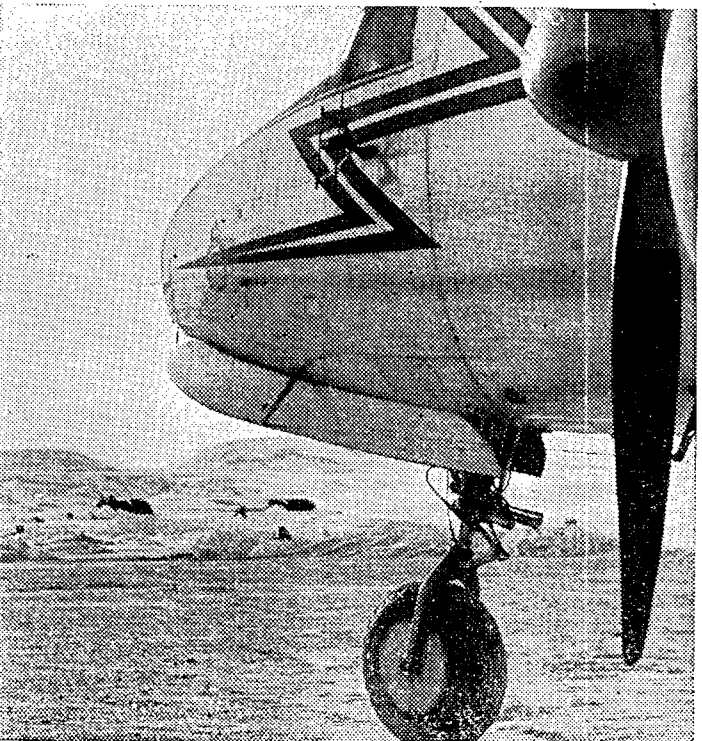
the door. The first time Mr. Lombardo went out without this rifle he came face to face with a polar bear, which chased him back to his hut!

SUMMER hobbies at Resolute are restricted to photography and hunting bears and seals. In winter there is little more than reading and listening to radio programmes from Siberia, Canada, the United States, Greenland, Iceland, Britain, and Norway.

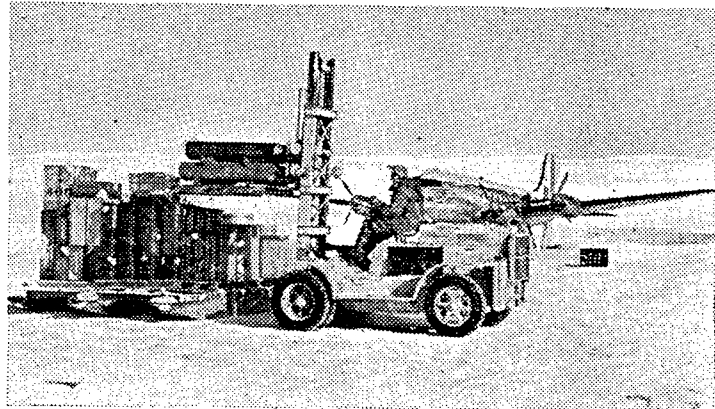
Until next month the two huts at Resolute Bay will still be shrouded in the long polar night, but weather and seismic reports will continue to be sent to Ottawa with the regularity of a time signal.



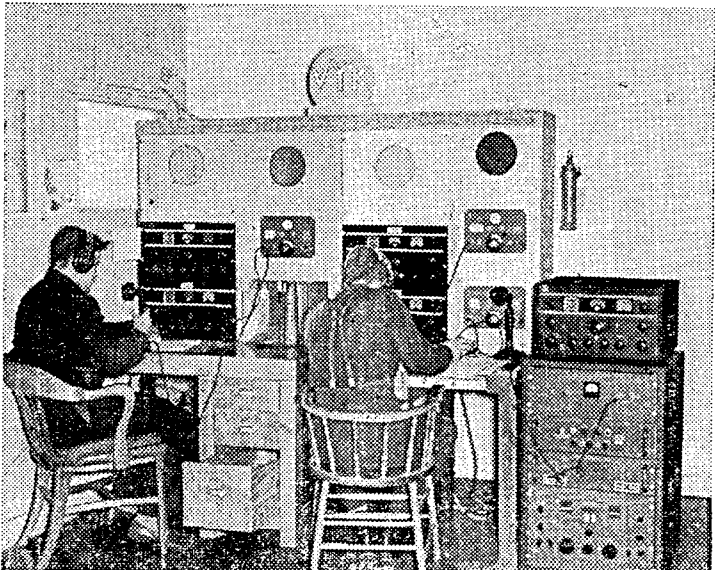
The equipment and stores needed to build the station were flown in. Here, a stove is being unloaded from a supply aircraft



A transport plane on the landing strip at Resolute Bay



A carrier-lift laden with supplies which were brought by aircraft of the R.C.A.F. during the setting-up of the station



The radio-operators who maintain constant touch with Ottawa



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## PLAYGROUNDS TO PLAY IN

OVER one hundred new playing fields and over one hundred and fifty new children's playgrounds were completed and came into use in England and Wales last year.

That is most encouraging news. The right of every boy and girl in this land to a playground is a cause the CN has long advocated.

Many people can remember the time when every town side-street had its chalked hopscotch marks; they can remember streets where children skipped, bowled hoops, whipped tops, and played leap-frog happily and at little risk to life and limb.

Motor vehicles have changed all that; somewhere else must be found for children to play.

Every year the work of the National Playing Fields Association becomes increasingly valuable; but we should like to support the plea of the National Council of Associated Children's Homes.

All too often, thinks the council, children have only asphalt squares or neat parks "where natural, normal activity is forbidden." They would like to see playgrounds where trees can be climbed and holes dug by "treasure seekers," without any objection being raised. And, to use a current phrase, we could not possibly agree more.

## Under the Editor's Table

Queer-coloured herring have been caught near Worthing. They can be cured.

A milkman should fit in with the families he serves, someone says. Most of them wouldn't have room for him.

Most soldiers like tea. With long leaves.

People who read too quickly lose the thread of a story. Want a skipping rope.

BILLY BEETLE



## The Editor's Table

### The world keeps getting smaller

WE are getting so used to new air speed records that we are in danger of losing our sense of wonder.

A Canberra jet bomber flies from London to Port Darwin, Australia (8608 miles), in 22 hours at something like 400 m.p.h. all the way—and we take the news in our stride.

Yet, of course, it was a wonderful flight, and perhaps the greatest wonder of it is that it will be the commonplace of tomorrow. When we are grown up, no one in this country will be surprised to hear a man say: "I've got a few days off, so I think I'll pop over and see the old folk in New Zealand."

### The fortunate tenth

ACCORDING to figures published by the International Labour Organisation, about a tenth of the world's population enjoys some form of social security. The I.L.O. Year Book makes the following points:

About 150,000,000 bread-winners in 45 countries have schemes for old-age pensions on retirement. Roughly 125,000,000 workers have some form of sickness benefit, and 90,000,000 are entitled to unemployment payments.

Some 200,000,000 persons have the right to medical care, while family allowances are being paid to over 35,000,000 children in 24 different countries.

### CYCLISTS BEWARE

THE police have estimated that at least 86 per cent of children's bicycles in Cambridgeshire are defective in one way or another.

Let young cyclists everywhere take warning and make sure that their own bicycles are in good order before they trust themselves on the road.

### PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If some barbers are a cut above others

A singer is said to have gone a long way since she started her career. Perhaps some of her audiences are glad.

A long queue waited to see a stamp exhibition in London. There were several stamps of impatience.



### JIMMY'S MITE

AN old handkerchief tied in a bundle arrived the other day at the United Nations headquarters in New York. It was addressed to "Unicef" (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) and was found to contain three pennies and a scrap of paper bearing the words: "To the world's children, from Jimmy."

### Spare-time activity



Eight-year-old Richard Lester, of Twickenham, Middlesex, examines the model steam locomotive and tender which his father took six years to make in his spare time. Mr. Lester intends to use the engine to give neighbouring children rides round his garden.

### Testing time

THE fourth Test match between England and Australia is due to begin at Headingley, Leeds, on Thursday, July 23. The midsummer holidays of the Leeds schools are scheduled to commence on Friday evening, July 24.

That seems a tantalising state of affairs, so Leeds Head Teachers' Association is trying to get the school calendar adjusted so that the first two days of the Test match are included in the school holidays.

It seems to us a clear case of being wise before the event.

### Oslo in Italy

IN future a schoolboy will be able to answer "Oslo is in Italy," and not be wrong.

A village called Oslo is being built in the Italian province of Venezia, and is so named because its prefabricated houses come from Norway, paid for out of contributions made by the Norwegian Red Cross after the floods in the Po Valley.

### Thirty Years Ago

AN Englishman has been boasting that the sovereign is doing well, and is just beginning to look a dollar in the face.

An American friend replies that he has been on more familiar terms for a long time—kissing the dollar goodbye for years!

From the Children's Newspaper  
February 17, 1923

### Song of praise for the President

AT the Inaugural Ball held in Washington President Eisenhower discovered that he had a song-writer in his new administration. James Van Allen, Republican National Committeeman from Rhode Island, greeted him by singing this little composition:

Good evening, Mr. President.  
I tip my hat to you,  
For you've the big assignment  
And you know just what to do.  
The country, Mr. President,  
Is sure that you will keep  
Our people freedom-minded,  
Not just Government sheep.

### Away with these "toys"

THE Toy Weapons Bill, which is due for its second reading in the House of Commons on February 27, is more important than it sounds.

It is not aimed at the sale of any harmless toy, but to prevent dangerous replicas of criminal weapons from getting into children's hands. It seeks to prohibit the sale of toy weapons which, in legal wording, "are calculated to incite acts of violence."

All right-thinking people will agree that it is an evil thing for juniors to be encouraged to play with such weapons as though their use were a normal part of life in a civilised country.

### A little biased?

ACCORDING to a recent investigation made in America, 87 per cent of boys and girls would sooner be punished by being deprived of pocket money, or visits to the cinema, than by not being allowed to watch the television.

The investigation was carried out by a firm that manufactures television sets!

### HONEST ENDEAVOUR

What we can we will be,  
Honest Englishmen,  
Do the work that's nearest,  
Though its dull at whiles  
Helping when we meet them,  
Lame dogs over stiles.

Charles Kingsley

### THINGS SAID

HOWEVER reckless the young men who ride motor-cycles might appear to be, they are nevertheless the kind of people the nation cannot afford to lose. Motor-cyclists should obtain suitable crash helmets in their own interests. *Earl of Birkenhead*

THE best we saw in America is certainly no better than the best in Britain, and the range between the best and worst is probably quite as wide in the U.S. as in Britain.

Fifteen British machine-tool experts

I WOULD not use black marks, detention marks, and so on for bad behaviour. I would prefer to use marks for something achieved.

A Chelsea headmaster

IT is right that we should look back to the splendours of the past, but we should also realise that we are standing, tiptoe, on the threshold of a splendid, glorious future.

Minister of Health

THE Christian philosophy of fair shares is not only good morality but good business.

Mr. R. R. Stokes, M.P.

THE only time people get a cold on Tristan da Cunha is when a ship passes; it does not even have to call.

Rev. Denis Wilkinson, the island's chaplain for the past three years

### Crocus time

The crocuses are back at Kew; Each happy cluster smiles at you.

Please heed them if you pass them by;

Their chalice can tell you why The birds are singing in the trees,

And tension seems at last to ease.

While winter wanes, and spring awaits

Her entry through the golden gates . . .

The crocuses are glad at Kew, Because, again, the world is new.

Spencer Leeming

### JUST AN IDEA

As Byron wrote:  
Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark  
Our coming, and look brighter when we come.



OUR HOMELAND

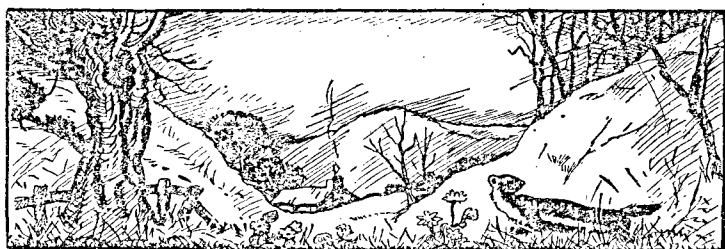
Sunshine and bare branches in a corner of Hampstead, London



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Let THE HUT MAN be your guide to Nature's . . .

## HIDDEN HAUNTS



### 2. Down in the glen in February

THE glen looks damp and dreary.

Rain or thawed snow leaves tree-trunks wet and glistening; sodden bracken lies flattened on the banks with here and there the still green but broken fronds of ferns; and dead grasses edge the path, or stand still erect in the sheltered crannies of the rocks. The only sound is the constant drip of water from chilly twigs and rocky ledges.

Spring seems very far away as we stand looking up the glen in February; but those banks which look so wintry and devoid of life are sprinkled with her first bright little harbingers. The yellow stars of the lesser celandine peep through tangled grasses fringing the bank-foot like unruly hair, and under the shelter of overhanging rocks the first primroses have spread rosettes of fresh green quilted leaves.

#### HIDDEN COLOUR

Stoop to examine and admire them and we will discover tender shoots of new grass, as gay as the primrose leaves, pushing upwards through the still protecting blanket of the withered parent stems.

Spring's colour, indeed, is all over the glen bank, hiding away in seclusion till fear of winter frost has vanished with a settled warmth of the sun. Where sycamores scattered their winged seeds an army of tiny treelets has appeared, the leaflets still coiled but showing specks of bright green on the steep bare faces of the bank.

Digging down among the littered mould of leaves and twigs, we find pale green points of wild hyacinths pushing upwards, urged by an awakened force in their bulbs, and with the hyacinths we notice the first pale fingers of many other awakened plants, too fresh from sleep as yet to venture from the blankets.

#### LIFE IN THE SHELL

Under the protecting mould, too, at the roots of trees, or beneath loose bark, the pupae of moths and butterflies have lived through ice and snow. These curious little objects, called "pupae" from their resemblance to tiny dolls wrapped round with shawls—are they indeed living? If we gently touch one the answering twitch will show that within the outer shell there is vital life: a larva is changing to the winged insect which will soon be visiting the summer flowers.

Dripping water was the only sound as we entered the glen, but now, standing screened and silent in the shade of a massive tree-trunk, we hear the re-assumed voices of the glen's inhabitants.

All through the winter the chaffinch has uttered his pinking

call-note, but now his robust song rattles out, clearly and gaily . . . the tripping trill with its ending twirl that has been likened to a bowler running with short steps before delivering an overhand ball.

A wren, too, may spot us and flit from twig to twig of a nearby bush, scolding and churring, but showing his true indifference to our presence by periodical bursts of trilling song. Shrill cries may draw our attention to a hole in the trunk above us, where blue-tits with raised crown-feathers squabble for ownership of the nesting site.

Weasel or stoat, active hunters all through the winter, may pass with agile bounds as we maintain our silent vigil by the bank, perhaps too busy to notice us as they hurry on the warm scent of rabbit or rat.

#### THE DREAMER

The passing of such small creatures may attract our attention to a small opening in the bank which we had failed to notice before . . . some little cleft between rocks or under a stone canopy . . . and examining this we are ourselves examined by two bright, intelligent orange eyes; for the sleepy-headed toad is at last roused to the fact that spring has arrived. It may yet be too cold to venture forth, but his expression seems to contemplate a long-awaited, long-dreamed-of dinner now soon to be enjoyed.

So we make discovery after discovery, one leading us to another, in this one small corner of the bank, in a glen which at first appeared so desolate and wintry. We are learning to concentrate on a little area rather than wander far afield in our search for the wild creatures.

Just what our reward will be, in many varied corners of the countryside, we shall continue to discover as the months go by.

## Screen pictures in the wilds

People who much prefer film-strips to films are the natives of isolated M'Boumba village in Senegal, French West Africa. A programme of film-strips acts on them like a tom-tom call, whereas the pace of an ordinary animated film is too fast for them to follow.

M'Boumba is in the wilds, cut off from the outside world altogether for five months of the year by the flooded Senegal River. Until recently none of its 1800 population could read or write, the town has no public scribe, no trader, no market-place, and no medical services.

The last attempt to open a school there, in 1924, was boycotted by the inhabitants; but they succumbed to the film-strips shown to them by the recent Unesco mission of Frenchmen and Africans, led by M. André Terrisse.

Pictures of familiar objects were shown with the French words beside them, and the African teachers carried on tireless and eloquent commentaries in the local language. Thus the audience could fully understand each picture.

#### PRIZE FOR READING

The first person among them to read and pronounce words received a small gift.

When a doctor wished to explain what a microbe was, and why mosquitoes are harmful, he used the epidiascope to show microscopic films, repeating again and again in the native language the significance of what was being shown.

Recorded music also delighted the M'Boumba folk, but when they heard and recognised the voice of a famous singer from a neighbouring village, who died several years ago, the tears coursed down their cheeks.

The mission's experiment was a great success. The villagers decided to build a school, and to furnish the materials for erecting a medical dispensary.

Other neglected villages are to be helped by the same methods.

#### ILL WIND

The children of a Salisbury school had an extra holiday not long ago. More than half the teachers had influenza, so the school had to be closed.



Salt—mustard—vinegar—pepper

Bridget, Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Frances, the Good quads of Westerleigh, Gloucestershire, learn to skip.

ERIC GILLET, the C.N. Critic, recommends you to . . .

## LOOK OUT FOR THESE CONTINENTAL FILMS

CONTINENTAL studios have been turning out some particularly interesting pictures recently, and among the best of them is the Italian film *Hullo Elephant*.

It was produced by De Sica, who made the famous *Bicycle Thieves*. *Hullo Elephant* is a delightful trifle, and De Sica himself plays the principal part in it.

He is a schoolmaster who lives in Rome with his wife and family, and they are so poor that they cannot pay the rent. But this does not worry them unduly, as the schoolmaster's salary is to be raised, and when this happens their troubles will be over.

One day the schoolmaster meets an Indian prince who is being



Sabu as the Indian prince in *Hullo Elephant*

shown the sights of Rome by an incompetent guide. De Sica corrects one of the guide's mistakes, and the prince engages De Sica in his place.

An extremely funny sequence follows. The prince has returned to his native land, and to show his gratitude to De Sica he sends the schoolmaster a present—a baby elephant!

These animals are all very well in their right place, but it is not easy to find room for one in a Roman house. De Sica's elephant soon proves itself to be a film star in its own right; you have only to see it walking warily down a staircase to be sure of that.

*Hullo Elephant* is altogether charming. I should like to see it shown all over the country, because I am sure it would appeal to children—and grown-ups everywhere.

I AM not often enthusiastic about Russian colour cartoons, for they are inclined to be ponderous and slow. *Husky* is an exception.

Different in idea and presentation from the best of Disney, it has a delicacy and observation that make it one of the best half-dozen animal cartoons I have ever seen.

An old woodman lives in a forest with his dog, Faithful, and her pup, Husky. Faithful is killed in a fight with a wolf, and Husky runs away and lives with a family of rabbits all through the long winter.

When spring comes, Husky is so big that he can hardly get in and out of the rabbit hole. The floods drive the rabbits away and they are soon in grave danger, but

*Husky* saves them. He meets his master again, and they live happily ever after.

The animals and the colour in this cartoon are enchanting. Disney's *Bambi* portrayed birds and animals with truth and humour, and *Husky*, a much less ambitious picture, is just as successful in its smaller scope.

I hope that the team which produced *Husky* will give us further instalments of his adventures. He might easily become as popular as some of the best-known Disney characters.

ANOTHER excellent Russian film is the coloured musical feature *Gala Festival*.

An admirable sound track enables the audience to get a very fair idea of the music of Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Prokofiev, and other famous composers. The singing is superb, and the ballet is as good as anything of its kind I have seen on the screen. The colour is good, and never crude.

THE TREASURE is the first Polish film I have encountered.

It is a really amusing story of housing difficulties in Warsaw. This may not seem to be a very likely subject for a farce, but the director knew what he was doing. He has chosen a first-rate team of comic players, and the misadventures of the unfortunates herded together in a war-damaged house provides excellent entertainment.

Most of our large cities have at least one theatre where foreign films are shown, and if any of these come your way you will find that they are very well worth seeing. They certainly make a welcome change.

### JENNIFER MAKES A MOVIE



Jennifer Gay, the popular young television announcer, recently completed her first film, *The Daffodils*.

Its theme is William Wordsworth's famous poem, and it shows coloured views of the Lakeland scenes that inspired the poet. Our picture shows Jennifer reading the poem for the film, which is designed to encourage the appreciation of poetry.

It is now available to schools, and can be obtained from the producers, Gateway Film Productions.



## KILL OR CURE 200 YEARS AGO

Prescriptions written by Edinburgh medical men over 200 years ago have been found during reconstruction work at Fisher's Close, in Edinburgh's historic Lawnmarket.

To the modern eye it would seem that neither the doctor nor the druggist of those days was at all squeamish in the treatment of patients. Pills, for instance, were not the tiny things of today, but were prescribed "as big as walnuts."

One prescription called for an addition of prepared millipedes, or wood lice, to the medicine. This was usually done by pounding up the bodies of the wood lice and pouring over them Rhenish wine.

The mixture was allowed to stand for a night and then the wine was pressed out.

The druggists of the 18th century were even ready to prescribe beauty preparations for ladies. If they wanted to have bright eyes in the morning they simply applied to their eyelids the evening before "two ounces of tutty (zinc oxide), one ounce of calamine, and a pound of unsalted butter."

## STAMP NEWS

THE United States will issue a new stamp in honour of its National Guard, which was actually formed before the U.S. nation.

A NEW Rumanian stamp marks the centenary of her National Theatre.

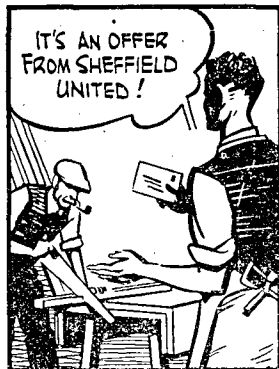
AMONG items auctioned in London recently were four 15th-century Italian letters bearing trade postmarks which were sold for a total of £152; a letter franked with the mark of Dockwra's London Penny Post of 1683 which fetched £47 10s.; and a mint copy of the stamp issued for mail carried by Ross and Keith Smith on their 1919 flight from England to Australia which realised £170.

BRITAIN'S Coronation stamps will be in 2½d., 4d., 1s. 3d., and 1s. 6d. values.

## Steps to Sporting Fame



Scoring freely in his first season for Luton Town and an inspiration to his team mates, is Jesse Pye, one of the most experienced forwards in League football.



Jesse became a joiner when he left school, but in 1938 received an offer from Sheffield United. He went to Bramall Lane, but a season passed, and he was not called upon. Then war came and Jesse joined the Royal Engineers.



He served with the Eighth Army, playing football whenever possible on the sandy wastes. What is more, his game improved under those difficult conditions, and when demobilised, he became inside right for Notts County.

## Jesse Pye



A few weeks passed and Jesse was in England's team. In May 1946 he was transferred to Wolverhampton Wanderers, and on April 30, 1949, when Wolves won the F.A. Cup, Jesse helped to carry off his captain shoulder high.

## TOM BROWN DOWN ON THE FARM

Tom Brown is a 17-year-old schoolboy in Georgia, in the U.S., but he is a farmer too.

Outside the city of Atlanta, Tom farms 25 acres of land, some of it in pasture, some in hay, and some in corn. He has 18-sleek, black Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Tom is in his last year at high school, but he runs the farm, keeps the accounts, and pays himself for his own labour.

There are hundreds of boys like Tom in the United States. They belong to an organisation called the Future Farmers of America, which believes that boys should learn to be farmers by farming, and not simply in theory.

In their last three years at school they follow the course called "vocational agriculture." Usually they are country boys, and in many cases they are sons of farmers.

The boys spend ten hours a week in the school's agricultural workshop, where they learn to handle tools and do jobs of construction. But down on the farm a pupil learns in the hard way how to be a farmer, buying his pigs and a cow—and, of course, making mistakes and profiting by them.

Future Farmers of America has 150,000 members and 10,000 teachers.

## BICYCLES FOR TWO C N READERS

The two bicycles offered as first prizes in Contest No. 18 have been awarded to the following:

Brenda Harrison,  
Park Street, Queen's Road,  
Teddington, Middlesex

Derek Maughan,  
London Road,  
Retford, Nottinghamshire

These competitors who submitted the next best entries have each been awarded a 10s. note:

J. Buckley, Denton; Beryl Bradbear, Bristol; Sylvia Cottingham, Stockton-on-Tees; Peter Farquhar, Horsham; Suzetta Nelson, Andoversford; Janice Oram, Redhill; Jennifer Robinson, Long Eaton; Barbara Stubbs, Bolton; John Williams, Borth; T. Zambelli, Billingshurst.

## PAKISTAN WINS NEW LAND FROM THE DESERT

In Western Pakistan is a region of rolling sand dunes as large as Wales, which has always been a useless waste. Now it is swiftly coming to life.

Known as the Thal, meaning "sandy desert," this land is destined to be an important part of Pakistan. Its story is a fascinating mixture of modern ingenuity and the ancient belief of the Pakistani people in their own land.

Lying between the Indus and the Jhelum rivers, the Thal's dreary rolling sand dunes have for generations been a forbidding area to settlers and farmers. There was no water, and the area was subject to devastating sandstorms.

### CANAL CUT

Travellers on the railway to the North-West Frontier often remarked on the wasted land of the Thal, and 80 years ago a party of British engineers rode across it to make a plan for its use. They came back defeated.

Seven years ago a group of Indian and Pakistani engineers began to cut a canal from Kalabagh on the Indus into the Thal. That stream of water was the first part of the Thal miracle.

Then, two years later, when

India and Pakistan became independent, streams of refugees poured across the border into the new Pakistan bringing hunger, want, and misery with them. But they also brought a challenge to the Pakistan Government to find them a home and a little land to live on.

### THE VISION

A Thal Development Authority was formed with the bold ambition of making a new country out of the desert. There was the vision of a million and a half acres of wheat, two and a half million acres of cotton, and 50,000 acres of sugar cane. There were to be 900 villages, six new towns, and 250 square miles of national parks and woods.

So during the last five years bulldozers and other earth-shifting machines have been moving across the sand dunes of the Thal, flattening them out. Water has been running in to make soil fit for planting, and 7000 family houses have already been built.

Two cotton mills have also been built, for the climate of this region is well suited for cotton growing.

What makes the Thal story particularly fascinating is the manner

in which all sorts of countries and organisations have rallied to aid the project.

The World Bank was so convinced of the possibilities that it loaned enough money for Pakistan to buy 144 tractors, 144 bulldozers, 16 heavy tractors, and 160 ploughs.

Then came help from the Commonwealth Colombo Plan of Aid to Asia. Australia and Canada are to provide the Thal with an agricultural research station, a cattle-breeding farm, a poultry farm, and a hospital laboratory.

### NEW START

From New South Wales 300 merino ewes and 50 rams are coming, and Canada is sending new equipment capable of producing 100,000 tons of cement a year.

Already 350,000 acres of the one-time desert are under cultivation, and many homeless people are making a new start in life.

The amount of money to be spent in reclaiming the Thal is £34 millions. But more astonishing than any figures is the enthusiasm of the Pakistani people for the new land they are creating within their own borders.

See World Map

## THE CORAL ISLAND—R. M. Ballantyne's story of the South Seas, told in pictures (4)



In great excitement the boys watched the schooner approach the island and heave-to near the reef. Frantically they waved, and thoughts of England and home flooded their hearts as a boat put off. But suddenly a puff of smoke appeared, a cannon ball crashed through the bushes near them, and they saw the black skull and crossbones flag run up. In horror they ran off at top speed.



The pirates landed and soon spotted them. Jack led the way to the rocks above the underwater cave. "It's our only hope," he panted. Peterkin said he could not dive down there if all the pirates in the Pacific were after him. "We will take you down, Peterkin, if you will only trust us," said Ralph. Bravely the younger lad agreed and, holding him between them, they dived and swam towards the submerged cave entrance.



Coming to the surface inside the cave, they hauled Peterkin out, and set about lighting the torch with the bow-and-drill they had left there. They had also stored food in the cave, in case they ever had to hide in it, and cloth made from coconuts, to serve as bedding. After wringing out their clothes as well as they could, they settled down to supper and discussing how long the pirates would stay.



Next day Ralph volunteered to leave the cave by the underwater passage to see if the ship were still there. When he reached the surface outside there was no sign of the pirates on the beach. Cautiously he climbed on to the rocks and rejoiced to see the ship well out to sea. "The villains have been baulked of their prey this time," he said aloud. "Not so sure of that!" replied a deep voice behind him.

Who is this man? Has he been left behind by the pirates? See next week's instalment



# THE SILKEN SECRET

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Charles Mount, an 18th-century silk-manufacturer, is in danger from an Italian gang who are trying to prevent his developing a new branch of the industry in England. Their leader, Foscari, tries to burn down the mill. Dick Arlington pursues Foscari into the maze at Lathkill Park—but when the maze is searched no trace of the Italian can be found.

## 10. The mystery of the maze

How had Foscari contrived to vanish from the maze?

The problem was discussed all the way home to the Mill House. By the end of breakfast only Dick still believed that the Italian had gone in at all.

"You must have been mistaken," said Celia. "Oh, well, it's no use arguing with you." The girl tossed her coppery head. "I do like a person to admit that he may be wrong."

The conversation ended on a strained note. Dick wandered out of the house unhappily.

Old Will Wirksworth, the foreman, was sitting in the yard, and beckoned him over. "Yon feller give ye a run for ye money this mornin', eh? Queer the way he give ye the slip at finish."

"It was more than queer!" said Dick stormily. And he poured out his story again.

Will scratched his snowy curls, considered, and said: "Nay, lad, 'twasn't magic. But I don't know as I've any right to say more. 'Tis an old promise, ye see."

"What do you mean?" demanded Dick, utterly puzzled.

"I'll not tell ye what I swore I'd never tell any one. But if ye can guess aught from what I can tell ye," he added craftily, "then that's no fault o' mine."

"Twenty years ago there was no maze, but the little garden-house was being built."

"Me old uncle was doin' a job for his lordship," went on the foreman. "'Twas what ye might call a confidential job—summat no builder or gardener could've tackled. 'Twas work for miners—like me uncle an' me."

"Miners?"

"Now, ye mustn't ask me aught more."

Dick went away thoughtfully.

"WHAT shall we do this afternoon?" Celia inquired an hour later.

"I thought of going for a walk," said Dick. "By myself," he added.

"On a day like this?"

"I like walking in the mist," he said shortly.

The mist was, in fact, Heaven-sent. He could not rest until he had tested his new theory, but he needed daylight, and in daylight he might be seen from the mansion.

But this afternoon would be perfect. A dank white mist hung everywhere, and the maze would be quite invisible from Lathkill House.

It had been work for miners, Will had said. What did miners do, that gardeners and builders could not? The answer was clear. They were used to tunnelling underground. Will and his uncle had been hired to cut a secret passage!

Of course, there had been no maze when it was dug! It had been easier to plant the hedges afterwards. Only the ornamental garden-house was under construction at that time.

In the garden-house, now at the centre of the maze, lay the answer to the riddle of Foscari's disappearance. And I'm going to find it, Dick resolved grimly; then perhaps they'll admit I was right all along. He set off along the now-familiar path through the woods.

As he dropped lightly down from the park wall, a figure stepped from the fir trees to greet him.

"Celia!"

"I'm glad you've come," she whispered. "It's so eerie today." She shivered. "I've been waiting a long time."

"How did you know I should come this way?"

"That was easy. I heard old Will telling you this morning. Dick, I am sorry for what I said."

"Oh, it was nothing," Dick retorted airily. "I took no notice. Well, as you're here, we might as well do this together."

They went forward cautiously.

At the entrance to the maze Celia spoke, softly: "What if we get lost and can't get out again?"

Dick had not thought of that. "We mustn't, that's all."

"Oh, Dick!" she laughed reproachfully. She waved her hand at the two statues flanking the entrance. "Use your wits!"

"Theseus and Ariadne? Oh, I see what you mean. Theseus took a ball of thread and tied one end to the entrance, and paid it out yard by yard—"

"Ariadne gave it him," pointed out Celia. Triumphant she produced a ball of silken thread and fastened the end to the ankle of the

sculptured Theseus. Then, unwinding it carefully, she led the way into the maze.

Dick had to admit that without the thread he would soon have been badly lost in those winding alleys of yew. As it was, fifteen minutes' searching brought them to the heart of the maze.

"Now for the passage!" Dick muttered.

If indeed it did start from the garden-house it could only start from one of two places—some kind of trapdoor in the floor or a concealed panel in the thick central portion.

The centre structure was more likely. On each of its six sides was a bench of carved stone. Above these benches the wall was recessed to provide a flat oblong panel, painted with some scene from classical legend.

One of the scenes showed Aeneas descending into the underworld. Dick stood on the stone bench and ran his fingers over the flat wall-painting. Nothing happened.

Then he knelt on the tiled floor and examined the underside of the bench, and here he was more fortunate. Hidden underneath was a small iron lever. He pulled it towards him, and it moved several inches with a click.

"Look!" cried Celia.

THE whole picture of Aeneas in the underworld swung inwards, smoothly and silently on some well-oiled mechanism. They peered into the cavity. A spiral staircase went winding down into the ground.

"Come on," said Dick. "I've brought candles." And stepping over the bench and through the opening, he led the way. Celia followed, and, after finding the lever which worked the panel from the inside, they closed it behind them.

It was not long before they found their progress barred by an iron door. Running their fingers over it they found another lever. Celia pulled it, and smoothly and silently the iron door glided to the left. It was daylight beyond, framed in fern and trailing ivy. Stepping through, they found themselves in a shadowed corner of the grotto, just outside the maze.

The iron door slid shut behind them. It was most cunningly hidden among the tumbled rocks which had been put together to produce that man-made cave. A scrambling child might have discovered it, but never the dainty ladies and gentlemen at his lordship's picnic parties.

It was easy now to see how Foscari, chased into the maze, had slipped straight out again via the secret passage and the grotto to the house.

"Listen! Someone coming!" Dick hissed, and pulled Celia down behind a rock.

## YOUNG QUIZ



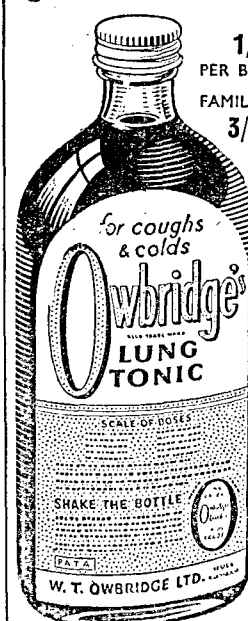
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- 4 What is a Sassenach?
- 5 Perplex means to befriending, to bequeath, or to bewilder?
- 6 Who is said to have created the Indian Empire?
- 7 What is a calypso?
- 8 From what sport did baseball originate?

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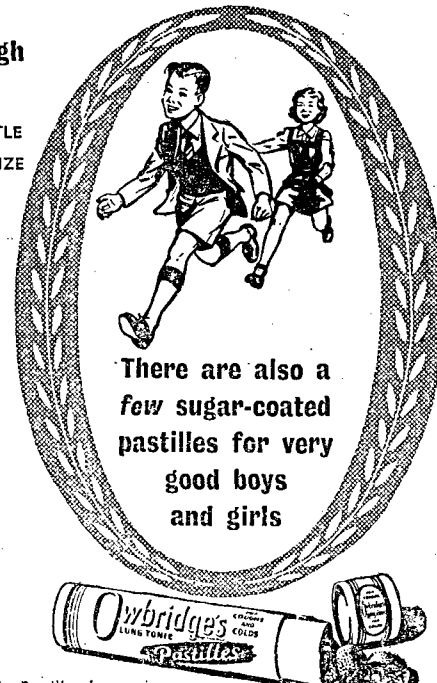
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## SPORTS SHORTS

**MADRID MATADORS**, a Rugby team composed of past and present university students, is to play three matches in England at the end of this month. The tour was arranged when the Woodpeckers, a noted English Rugby club, visited Spain recently.

**H. A. "JACK" GIBBONS**, former English amateur international footballer who became manager of the Brentford club, has been appointed coach to the Royal Daring Club in Brussels.

**JOHN WHITEHEAD**, the Yorkshire fast bowler, will play for Worcestershire this summer. John was unable to hold a regular place in the Yorkshire XI as he was studying for a degree in mechanical engineering. He has now obtained his degree.

**BRITISH** athletic coaches continue to carry their knowledge and experience overseas. The latest is George Pallett, one of our greatest all-round athletes, who has gone to Malaya for a month's coaching and lecture tour, at the invitation of the Malayan A.A.A.

**MEMBERS** of the Henley football team playing in a Gravesend League match scored nine times—yet won 5-4. The opponents' four goals were all scored by Henley defenders.

**FRANK WILDE**, former British Davis Cup player, is in Yugoslavia for three months coaching the country's most promising juniors.

**FOLLOWING** in the footsteps of those other great Jamaican runners, Arthur Wint, Herb McKenley, and George Rhoden, is 17-year-old Michael Agostini. He has shown great promise this year, and not long ago beat the Olympic 200-metres champion, Andy Stanfield.

**THE** latest young Australian cricketer in the news is 16-year-old Bob Simpson of New South Wales. A fine all-rounder, he recently became the second youngest player ever to be chosen for his State.

**LAST** August 47-year-old Congressman Jack Westland took time off from his election campaign to compete in the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship. It took longer than he thought, for he won. Now he has been named Golfer of the Year.

**AS** part of their three-year plan to win diving titles in the 1956 Olympic Games the Southern Counties committee are holding regular competitions based on the Olympic test. This will ensure that during winter months competitors will have practice under championship conditions.

**SAM BARTRAM**, Charlton Athletic's goalkeeper, recently played his 450th League game for the club.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to 18-year-old Valda Osborn, who has succeeded Jeannette Altwegg as European ice figure skating champion. Valda is this week leading the British team in the world championships which are taking place in Switzerland.

**SINCE** the war the fair hair of Billy Wright has been seen in most of Britain's important Soccer matches. Now another fair-headed Wright is making his way in Soccer. He is 15-year-old Lawrence Wright, brother of England's skipper, who is captain of the Shrewsbury Schools XI. On Saturday Lawrence plays in the English F.A. Southern trial, first step to a place in the schoolboy international team against Wales at Wembley on March 28.

## THE SILKEN SECRET

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He was just in time. Down the rustic steps leading to the dell came three figures—Foscari himself, the gipsy woman they had found that night in the kitchen, and a shambling country fellow. Foscari and the woman were talking together in Italian. The other man caught Foscari's arm.

"What ye tellin' 'er?" he demanded.

Foscari shook himself free. "I am telling her she will be safe inside the maze until tonight. We have taken enough risks."

"An' what about my risks? Ye couldn't do a thing without me, a brace o' foreigners such as ye are. How do I know I'm goin' to get me money?"

"Of course you will get your money!" Foscari's dark eyes flashed. "The richest families in my country are leagued together in this. Money is of no consequence—but it is results we pay for. When Mount is dead—"

**HE** never finished. The woman screamed and pointed at where Dick and Celia were crouching. Foscari cursed and whipped out his stiletto. The Englishman drew a pistol.

It was three against two, with a pistol on each side, but Celia was unarmed, whereas even the gipsy woman had drawn a knife. They all stood motionless for a few moments, weighing up the odds.

Dick covered Foscari with his pistol and whispered urgently to Celia: "Find how the door opens from this side! We could keep them at bay in the passage."

"I'm looking!" wailed Celia. "There are so many ferns and creepers and— Oh, thank Heaven, here's something!"

She pulled with all her strength. To her dismay, the door did not budge. Instead, there was a sudden hissing as from a nest of snakes, and through the concealed lead pipes, from every branch of the artificial willow, a blinding sheet of icy water descended upon their three enemies. Lord Lathkill's joke, which had once been played on them, was now their salvation.

"Good enough!" cried Dick exultantly. "Come on—run!"

And while Foscari and the others were still staggering and gasping under the deluge, they raced out of the grotto and away to safety.

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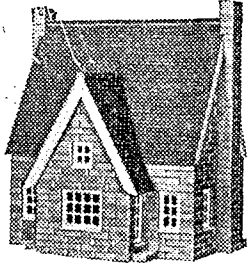
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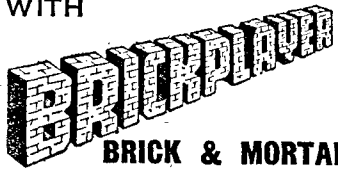


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### Thatched church

Ringsfield in Suffolk is marking the year by providing a new thatched roof for its 500-year-old church.

Charlwood, in Surrey, is to produce a Coronation pageant of the history of the village right from the Iron Age.

Uxbridge in Middlesex has planned to link up by radio with Uxbridge in Canada and Uxbridge in Tasmania on Coronation Day.

### 250 Broadcasters

For the commentaries in the BBC Home and Overseas Services it has been estimated that some 250 commentators will be broadcasting from London in 42 languages.

A Garland for the Queen, a collection of short pieces for un-accompanied voices, is to be contributed by ten British composers. The pieces will be sung at the Royal Festival Hall concert on June 1.

Souvenirs approved by the official committee range from a £21 engraved glass chalice to a three-penny nylon Union Jack button. An exhibition of souvenirs from many different manufacturers will

be on view to the public at the Tea Centre in London from February 24 to March 14.

An American Coronation celebration will be a religious play showing the links between the Church and the Crown, and is to be presented at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, New York.

### Music to go round

So that Wantage in Berkshire shall not want for cheerful music during the celebrations, the Council has bought a barrel-organ, complete with cart, covers, straps, and ten new tunes. It cost £45.

Scouts of north-west Leeds expect to begin planting 4500 saplings soon. Senior Scouts and Scouters will probably plant six trees each, Scouts four each, and Cubs two.

The Town Council of Donaghadee in Northern Ireland is awarding a prize of £5 for the best decorated street.

### Welcome all!

Flower beds at London Airport are being prepared to give a colourful floral welcome to visitors this summer.

The pageant in historic Warwick Castle from July 18 to 25 will be one of the biggest events in the Midlands. There will be about 3000 performers, and seating for 5000 onlookers. Proceeds are to go to the King George VI Memorial Fund.

## VENUS IS COMING NEARER

By the C N Astronomer

THE evening sky has become grander in recent weeks owing to Jupiter's increasing proximity to Venus in the west, and the growing radiance of Venus as she comes nearer to us.

Venus is now approaching her greatest brilliance, which occurs early in March. She appears telescopically like the broad crescent phase in the diagram. This will, however, rapidly narrow as Venus comes closer, until by the end of March it will be very slender indeed but much wider between the cusps.

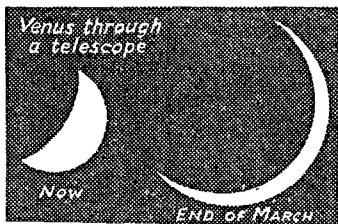
Venus will then be about 31 million miles away. At present her distance is about 55 million miles, so she is coming nearer at the rate of about a million miles a day.

Venus is also coming more between the Earth and the Sun, so by the end of March she will vanish from naked-eye visibility in the sunset glow. By April 13 Venus will be at her nearest to us, 26 million miles away.

She will then be nearer than any other celestial body except the Moon, but quite invisible, because she will be almost directly between the Earth and the Sun.

Venus will, in fact, be passing from left to right above the Sun, and at an apparent distance of about three times the Sun's

apparent width away. We shall, therefore, know where Venus is but not be able to see her because, of course, the dark unilluminated hemisphere of the planet will be towards us.



Venus will reappear about a fortnight later in the morning sky, at first very low in the east but regaining her radiance in the dawn during the summer.

On February 17 the crescent Moon will appear close to Venus and will present a fine spectacle with the much fainter Mars below and to the right of them.

Jupiter, which is apparently approaching Venus, is nevertheless receding from us. This paradoxical procedure is due to our perspective view of the apparent motions of the two planets, for Jupiter is actually receding from Venus, and doing so more rapidly than he is from the Earth.

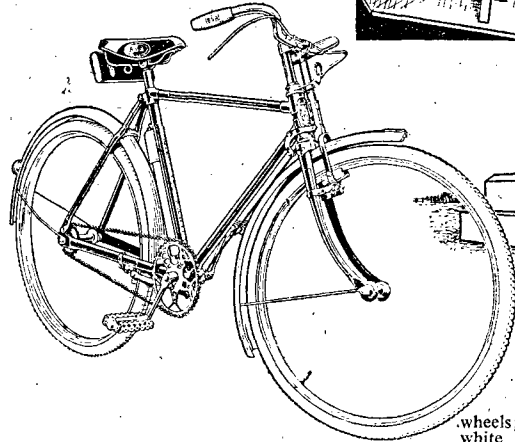
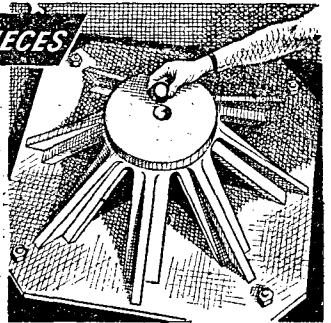
A PARTIAL eclipse of the Sun takes place on the night of February 13-14, though it will be invisible to us, of course, as it will be seen only in eastern Asia and Alaska.

The Moon is so much smaller than the Earth that it eclipses only a small area of our world at once. In this case only about three-quarters of the Sun will be hidden at mid-eclipse. G. F. M.

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## THE BRAN TUB

### CRAZY SHOPPING

WHEN John took the shopping list from his pocket he realised that his small brother had been busy with pencil and rubber! Can you discover what Johnny had to buy? This is how the list read:

A neat pie. Four cork chaps.  
Some sweeps. Looking fat and  
A rake. better.  
A box of patches. Tinted bears.  
A lot of money. A pound of  
Six broad dolls. mice.

Answer next week

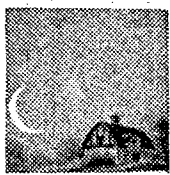
### Sports model

"WHAT make is your son's new car?"

"I'm not sure," said Mother, who was rather vague on such matters; "I think he said it was a smasher."

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus and Mars are in the south-west and



Jupiter is in the south. In the morning Saturn is in the south. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning, February 12.

### Riddle in rhyme

My first means things are equal,  
My seconds means decay;  
My whole's a bird of sunny lands,  
With plumage bright and gay.

Answer next week

## BEDTIME CORNER

### Billy the expert

"CAN I toss the pancakes at lunchtime, Mummie?" asked Billy.

"You'll probably toss them all over the floor," she replied with a smile. "But we'll see."

A little later Mummie was interrupted at her cooking when a friend dropped in for a few minutes.

Billy was just going out of the kitchen door when he caught sight of some pastry that Mummie had been about to put into a dish. It gave him an idea.

Spreading some newspaper on the table, he placed the piece of uncooked pastry into a frying-pan and began to practise tossing!

He had a few accidents, of course, but the pastry only fell onto the paper and he was able to roll it out again. After a while he was quite expert.

When lunchtime came Mummie put some mixture into the pan and called Billy. She was just about to explain how he should toss a pancake when Billy picked up the pan, gave it a flip, and watched the pancake fall back neatly into the pan.

Mummie's eyes opened wide, and Billy could not stop laughing—and between them they almost let the pancake burn!



Climbing a tree after Baby's kite presented no problem for Jacko.

### FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

**SOUND SLEEPERS.** "Come along, Pip!" called Ann impatiently; but the puppy continued to scratch furiously at the dead leaves beneath the hedge.

"He's found a rat hole, I expect," said Don, walking back. "I say, it's a dead hedgehog!"

"Perhaps it is only asleep," suggested Ann.

"Well, we'll cover it up again, at any rate," replied her brother.

"It was hibernating," Farmer Gray explained later, "and hedgehogs really do hibernate—they sink into a death-like coma. Mild weather sometimes awakens them in mid-winter, and then sudden frost may prove disastrous."

### Tight fit

"FRONT seats three shillings, back seats two shillings, programmes sixpence," sang out the commissionaire.

"I'll sit on a programme, then."

### LITTLE GREY HEN

MY little grey hen, where can she be?

She did not come to breakfast, and she did not come to tea. I looked in the hayloft, she was not there,

I looked in the stable and everywhere;

All round the orchard and right down the lane.

Oh, little grey hen, please come back again.

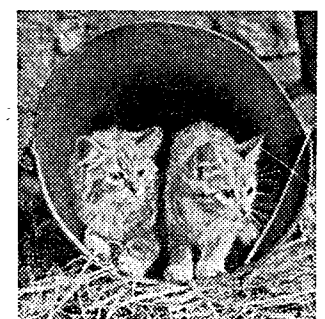
One sunny morning at half-past ten,

Out of the woods marched little grey hen

With twelve fluffy, baby chicks, yellow and black—

Clever little grey hen is safely back.

### Bucket seat



Two kittens on a Yorkshire farm take a rest in an overturned pail.

## MAKING A CLEAN SWEEP OF JACKO



But a careless slip made his outlook rather black.

### Riddle-me-ree

MY first is in jumping and leaping and spring;

My second's in necklace but never in ring;

My third is in donkey but is not in ass;

My fourth's in electric but never in gas;

My fifth is in pastry and also in cake;

My sixth is in cooking and also in bake;

My seventh's in weighing and also in weight;

My eighth is in fishing and also in skate.

My whole on our table at lunch will appear

On one certain day at this time of the year.

We toss them on high and we hope for the best

As we all try to catch them. And now, have you guessed?

Answer next week

### Valentines and collops

SHAKESPEARE, Chaucer, and the poet Lydgate all make reference to St. Valentine's Day (February 14), and one of the earliest-known writers of Valentines was Charles, Duke of Orleans, who was captured at the battle of Agincourt.

In the North of England the Monday preceding Shrove Tuesday is called Collop Monday (February 16), and the ancient custom of serving eggs and collops (slices of meat) at dinner on that day is still observed.

### CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second, and so on.

1. One of the best-known saints and a notable friend to animals; founded a monastic order which had a strict vow of poverty.

2. Name of one of the newest States, and one of the oldest races in the world; the State was proclaimed in May 1948.

3. Queen of England who, as a young princess, was imprisoned in the Tower of London; coming to the throne at the age of 25, she reigned for 45 years.

4. The most famous of English saints; murdered in 1170 at Canterbury, where his shrine was visited by many pilgrims, including Chaucer's company.

Answer next week

## HIDDEN PLAYERS

The names of four Burnley footballers are hidden in the following paragraph. Can you find them?

"I WISH old Enders was here," panted Dick. Sam mopped his brow. "Next time he'll come," he promised, "although I don't think he likes climbing very much." Ewes had cropped the grass close. "The air does seem marvellous up here," said Sam.

Answers next week

### Oh deer!

CRIED a sleepy old fellow from Voss, .

"I've sustained a remarkable loss. For while I was drowsing. A reindeer came browsing, And mistook my fine beard for some moss."

### YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 Mineral, although its origin is vegetable.
- 2 In flood.
- 3 New Amsterdam.
- 4 Name given by Scots to an Englishman.
- 5 To bewilder.
- 6 Robert Clive.
- 7 A doggerel song composed on the spot, often in honour of a special event.
- 8 Rounders.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Hidden footballers.

Farm, Perry, Shimwell, Brown

Hidden places. Gateshead

Give and take. Sue

had sevenpence,

Ted had fivepence

Chain Quiz. Howe,

Wessex, Exmouth,

thermostat

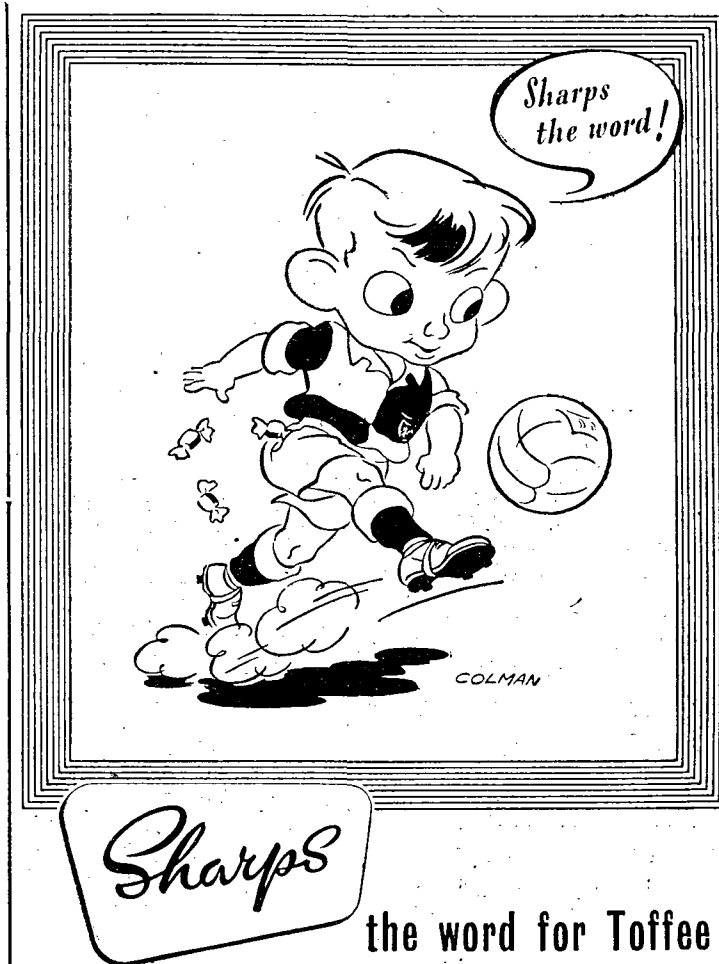
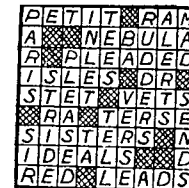
Find the animals.

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hedgehog, hog,

otter, ram, goat,

stout



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